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LIMEHOUSE LINK TO TENDER

Invitations to tender for construction of the Limehouse Link road have been issued today by the London Docklands Development Corporation (LDDC).

Seven contractors/groups of contractors, from the United Kingdom and Europe, have been issued with tender documents to build the 1.7km 'cut and cover' tunnel which will link Butcher Row and The Highway in Limehouse to the western side of the Isle of Dogs. The tender list has been drawn up from contractors and joint venture companies which submitted pre-qualification tenders for the contract advertised in British and European trade journals in August this year.

The LDDC hopes to start construction of the Limehouse Link in May 1989, subject to the favourable outcome of a public inquiry held between 18 October and 16 November this year.

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Notes to Editors

1 The Scheme

The Limehouse Link, a four lane cut and cover tunnel, will link The Highway, at the junction of Butcher Row and Narrow Street, to Westferry Road on the Isle of Dogs. The road, constructed by 'cut and cover' technique, will pass under the north side of Limehouse Basin, turning south to pass underneath Limekiln Dock and Dundee Wharf, to join with Westferry Road at a major new signalled junction. A further 'cut and cover' section will connect the Limehouse Link to the proposed Poplar Link, at North Quay.

2 The Accord

A number of Council tenants affected by Corporation road proposals, including the Limehouse Link, will be rehoused under the terms of the Accord agreed with Tower Hamlets council in June this year.

Council tenants living in the following estates will be permanently rehoused in either new housing association property, or refurbished Council dwellings:

- a Burrell House.
- b Any part of the Barley Mow Estate that would be structurally at risk during construction of the Limehouse Link, or when the road is built.
- c St Vincents Estate, south of Limehouse Causeway, excluding Saunders Close.
- d Parts of Pennyfields, Ming Street and Dingle Gardens - tenants closest to the new roads.
- e Dolphin House.

The Council and the Corporation have also agreed under the Accord, that:

Buildings on the Barley Mow Estate will be renovated, except any that would be structurally at risk during construction of the Limehouse Link, or when the road is built.

Part of Pennyfields, Ming Street and Dingle Gardens furthest away from the line of the new roads, will be renovated, if noise protection measures would meet statutory standards.

The Corporation, under the terms of the Accord, will make available up to £30,000 per unit to cover the cost of renovating the buildings internally and externally. Tenants may be required to move temporarily to other units while the renovation works are carried out. If this is necessary it will only be programmed after full consultation with tenants and tenants' associations.